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(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO:5:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:

(A) LENGTH: 10 amino acids
(B) TYPE: amino acid
(C) STRANDEDNESS: single
(D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: peptide

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO:5:

Met Glu Lys Lys Ile Ser Gly Tyr Thr Thr

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO:6:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:

(A) LENGTH: 54 base pairs (B) TYPE: nucleic acid (C) STRANDEDNESS: single (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO:6:

AGUGCAGGA GCUAAGGAAG CUACCAUGGA GAAGAAGAUC ACUGGAUAUA CCACC

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We claim:

1. A lipid having the structure:

$$\stackrel{R_2}{\underset{n}{\bigvee_n}}\stackrel{H}{\underset{O}{\bigvee_{C}}} O_{R_1} [X]m$$

or a salt, or solvate, or enantiomers thereof wherein; (a) R₁ is a lipophilic moiety selected from the group consisting of a symmetrical branched alkyl or alkenyl of 25 to 40 carbon atoms, an unsymmetrical branched alkyl or alkenyl of 25 to 40 carbon atoms and CH (R₃R₄), wherein R₃ and R₄ are 40 independently a straight chain alkyl moiety of about 10 to about 30 carbon atoms, or a branched alkyl moiety of about 10 to about 30 carbon atoms; (b) R₂ is selected from the group consisting of an amino acid residue having a positively charged group on the side chain, an alkylamine moiety 45 of 3 to 10 carbon atoms, a fluoroalkylamine moiety or a perfluoroalkylamine moiety of 1 to 6 carbon atoms, an arylamine moiety or an aralkylamine moiety of 5 to 10 carbon atoms, a guanidinium moiety, an enamine moiety, an aromatic or non-aromatic cyclic amine moiety of 3 to about 9 carbon atoms, an amidine moiety, all isothiourea moiety, a heterocyclic amine moiety, a heterocyclic moiety and an allyl moiety of 1 to 6 carbon atoms substituted with a substituent selected from the group consisting of NH₂, $C(=O)NH_2$, NHR_6 , $C(=O)NHR_6$, NHR_6R_7 , or C(=O)NHR₆ \hat{R}_7 , wherein \hat{R}_6 and \hat{R}_7 are independently selected 55 from an alkyl moiety of 1 to 24 carbon atoms, an alkenyl moiety of 2 to 24 carbon atoms, an aryl moiety of 5 to 20 carbon atoms and an aralkyl moiety of 6 to 25 carbon atoms; (c) n is an integer from 1 to 8; (d) X is an anion or polyanion; and (e) m is an integer from 0 to a number equivalent to the 60 positive charge(s) present on the lipid.

- 2. A lipid according to claim 1 wherein n is an integer from 2 to 6.
- 3. A lipid according to claim 1 wherein n is an integer from 2 to 4.

- **4**. A lipid according to claim **1** wherein X^- is a pharmaceutically acceptable anion or polyanion.
- 5. A carbamic acid ester having the structure:

$$H_{2N}$$
 H_{2N}
 H

6. A carbamic acid ester having the structure:

$$H_{2}N$$
 $H_{2}N$
 $C_{17}H_{35}$
 $C_{17}H_{35}$

7. A carbamic acid ester having the structure:

$$\begin{array}{c} NH_2 \\ NH \\ NH_2 \\ NH_2$$